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Manhattan Community Board 1

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Chairperson's Report for October 2014 **Catherine McVay Hughes**

It has been another extremely busy month for Community Board 1 since the September monthly meeting. Together we continue to make our neighborhood better and stronger than ever. I would like to report on the important issues and milestones that we have worked through with fellow board members, the CB1 staff, elected officials and government agencies. Thank you everyone.

Updates

- Washington Street between Albany and Carlisle Streets reopened to general traffic by CDOT with the assistance of the Downtown Alliance (10/24/14)
- Fencing around 1 World Trade Center along Vesey and West Streets came down (mid-October)
- Busy pedestrian zone at WTC widened with fences coming down at 2 WTC and shifting south along Vesey Street between Church Street and West Broadway (10/06/14)
- Peck Slip Park eastern portion paved and opened to public as new active space (10/05/14)
- Broadway Reconstruction Project & Street Fair – worked with CDOT, DDC and street fair promoter to make sure that Columbus Day Street Fair would not delay project; thank you (10/03/14)
- NYC Economic Development Corporation said that they will come back to CB1 for an update on helicopters

Press Conference

- WTC Victim's Compensation Fund October 12th deadline to file for cancer – with US Representatives Nadler and Maloney, responder and survivor advocates (10/06/14)

Testimony

- Int. 378, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reducing greenhouse gases by eighty percent by two thousand fifty before the Committee on Environmental Protection (City Hall, 10/23/14)

Events

- Summit on Resilience II – The Next Storm: What lessons have been learned from Superstorm Sandy and how are they shaping public-private partnerships during times of crisis and recovery? (Pace University, 10/20/14)
- Borough President Brewer's Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Training – report available in office (10/15/14)

- The Second Annual NYC Commemoration of the American Victories at the Battles of Saratoga and Yorktown honoring General Horatio Gates, Alexander Hamilton, Marius Willett sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York with the participation of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society, the 1st New York Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Lower Manhattan Historical Society, the National Democratic Club and Borough President Brewer (Trinity churchyard, 10/12/14)
- Ribbon Cutting for TD Bank at 40 Fulton Street – energy efficient location targeting LEED certification; first large North American bank to become carbon neutral (10/10/14)
- Fire Safety Directors Association of Greater New York: WTC Display Case Dedication at the New York City Fire Museum (10/08/14)
- Citizen Preparedness Training Program – cosponsored by CB1 with Governor Cuomo and other elected officials at P.S. 276, Battery Park City, 55 Battery Place. Free Go Bag. (09/30/14)
- Greener NYC – hosted by NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Member Donovan Richards, Chair, Environmental Protection Committee (City Hall, 09/30/14)
- Old Seaport Alliance Block Party – with Borough President Brewer (09/28/14)
- 13th Annual Battery Park City Block Party (09/28/14)

Meetings

- Speaker Silver's School Overcrowding Task Force (10/23/14)
- New York-Presbyterian Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program Community Advisory Committee – requested that survey be distributed to CB members and then shared with CB, please respond (Conference Call, 10/21/14)
- Meeting called by Citibank which will be renovating both the interior and exterior of building and will work with community to minimize impact – with Tribeca Committee leadership; when further along, they will present to committee (10/09/14)
- Meeting called by developer who is interested in constructing a mixed-use building with a school as part of a project downtown, with representatives of Council Member Chin and Speaker Silver's office and chairs of relevant committees – worked with group to plant seeds for a future school at one potential location which has many hurdles: completion of acquisition of all property, change in state legislation to increase FAR for buildings, a series of waivers for zoning and sale of air rights (which requires going through CB1, Borough Board, City Council and City Planning), Landmark Preservation Commission and School Construction Authority approvals (10/07/14)
- Meeting called by Trinity Church – with Financial District leadership; will come before committee for variance to allow construction of a new Parish House in November (10/07/14)
- Lower Manhattan Historical Society – attended with Una Perkins (10/06/14)
- 346 Broadway meeting was called and chaired by Borough President Brewer, Council Member Chin and other elected representatives with City, Economic Development Corporation, Department of Citywide Administrative Services and Developer Peebles/Elad; postponed Landmark Preservation Commission hearing date for 108 Leonard/346 Broadway to 11/18/14 so that full CB1 can vote and developer came to CB1 Planning and Landmarks Committee meetings on October 10/06/14 (09/30/14)
- NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program – Implementation Update (10/01/14)
- WTC Health Program Survivors Steering Committee – with Mariama James and Kathleen Gupta (10/02/14)
- Lower Manhattan Bi-Weekly Community Meeting on Construction (10/02/14)
- Brooklyn Bridge Working Group Meeting (10/01/14)

Announcements

- Michael Connolly will be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Tribeca Committee – thank you very much for all your years of dedication
- 50 Trinity empty construction lot has been cleaned to assist with rodent infestation – thank you Frank Hrubes, NYC DOT (10/07/14)
- Frances Curtis has been attending the Belleview Community Advisory Board meetings for the past two months, but is still waiting to be officially appointed to the CAB; with the emerging Ebola issue this appointment is more important than ever and CB1 continues to await confirmation
- P.S. 150 was designated by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as one of 337 National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2014. Congratulations (09/30/14)
- Deron Charkoudian has now joined the CB1 Streetfair Task Force Committee
- CB1's new space at 1 Centre Street is under construction by Department of Design and Construction; expected completion in Q2 2015
- Town Hall Meeting: Let's protect our drinking water: fighting hydraulic fracturing in NYS; panel discussion on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on our water and food sheds, and strategies for keeping fracking out of New York State permanently; co-sponsoring with Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, State Senator Daniel Squadron, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and others; October 29th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, John L. Tishman Auditorium, University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Room U100